

## SAFELY OUT OF PEKIN?

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## Chinese Insist Envoys Are Alive and to Be Sent to Tien Tsin

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**DOUBT ON ALL THE REPORTS.**

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Latest Comes From Sheng, Director of  
Telegraphs at Shanghai.

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**British Government Suspicious of All the Chinese Statements—Wont Accept Any as Confirmation of the Safety of the Ministers Until It Hears From a British Official in Peking or Gets a Message in Its Own Cipher—Russia Seeking the Command of the Allied Forces—Li Remains in Shanghai.**

*Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.*

LONDON, July 23.—Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Lu,

The Chinese Minister, has received the following despatch from Director of Telegraphs Sheng: "SHANGHAI, July 23.—Information from Peking, dated July 18, has been received to the effect that the Tsung-li-Yamen, deputed Wen Jin, Under Secretary of the Department, to see the foreign Ministers. He found every one well. None was missing, except the German Minister. Gen. Yung Lu, commander of the northern army, is about to memorialize the throne to send them all under escort to Ti-n-Tsin, in the hope that the military operations will then be stopped."

LONDON, July 25.—The renewed official Chinese assurances of the safety of the foreigners in Peking are still not regarded here as warranting their acceptance. Their vagueness and their omission of a certain point that are consid-

A news agency this evening circulated a statement that it had received a telegram from Sir Halliday Macartney, councillor of the Chinese legation in London, saying: "The British Government's omission of a main point that are considered indispensable continue to be urged against them, and in some quarters they are treated as rendering the situation more doubtful and hazier than ever."

It is needless to remark how much further such a statement goes than those made by Minister Lo Feng Iuh, and it created more of a flutter than any of the Chinese assurances. Interviewers sought Sir Halliday, but failed to see him. They only obtained a verbal message through a servant that "Sir Halliday had received a telegram, and it was quite true that he

The story that they were going to Tien-Tsin remains unexplained.

Some of the Shanghai correspondents continue to warn the public to distrust all Chinese newspapers, and they declare that all these

assurances, and they declare that all the so-called Imperial edicts will be repudiated later when it suits the purpose of their authors. It is asserted in Shanghai that there is evidently a dual Government in Peking, each having free access to the world through couriers.

temporary residence on Bubbling Well road, Shanghai. None of the foreign officials or residents has visited him, and it is stated that the Consuls, all of whom Sheng invited to luncheon to meet the Viceroy and to celebrate the Emperor's birthday, declined the invitation. It is reported that although Li Hung Chang has been appointed Viceroy of Chihli that post has not been vacated by Yu Lu.

The *Times's* St. Petersburg correspondent

says that he tried on Saturday to ascertain the opinion of the Russian Foreign Office on the situation in Peking. He was informed that no kind of authentic information had been received; nothing, indeed, which the officials considered sufficient to enable a decided conclusion one way or the other. They were, how-

The Russian Government, instead of forbidding the Chinese legation to use cipher in the transmission of its messages as Germany has

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says he learns from a good source that Gen. Kouropatkin, Minister of War, will probably be Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in China and the Far East, in which event he will presumably command the international forces.

**AGITATION IS SPREADING.**  
Chinese Soldiers Insulting Foreigners in Honan  
and Hupeh Provinces.  
*Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.*

PARIS, July 23.—The French Consul at Chung-Kiang cables the Foreign Office that the Province of Szechuan is fairly quiet except in the northwest, where the Christians have been molested.

The officials of the Foreign Office declare that

owing to the cloud of lying statements which are disseminated one day and denied on the next it is impossible to form a definite idea as to the exact situation in Peking. On the other hand M. Visser, who for twenty years was the interpreter at the French legation in Peking and

A despatch from Hankow states that the agitation is spreading in the Provinces of Honan and Hubei. The regular Chinese

soldiers who have been drilled by European officers are manifesting a disposition to insult foreigners. So far, however, the authorities have been able to keep them in control.